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SUBJECT:VISIT OF GOVERNOR JAMES RHODES

1. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT OHIO GOVERNOR JAMES RHODES PLANS TO LEAVE FOR TOKYO MORNING APRIL 27,ARRIVING HANEDA APRIL 28 AT 4:30 P.M., VIA NW 3. GOVERNOR WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY JAMES DUERK, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR STATE OF OHIO, AND BY ONE SECURITY MAN. GOVERNOR EXPECTS TO REMAIN IN JAPAN TWO FULL DAYS, RETURNING TO OHIO ON SATURDAY.

2. PURPOSE OF GOVERNOR'S VISIT IS TO STIMULATE JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN OHIO. IN PARTICULAR, GOVERNOR AND DUERK UNDERSTAND THAT TOYOTA HAS REACHED DECISION TO ESTABLISH PLANT IN US, AND WISH TO OFFER OHIO AS SITE. THEY PLAN TO MAKE SIMILAR PITCH TO OTHER COMPANIES AS WELL.

3. DUERK WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEETINGS FOR GOVERNOR AND HIMSELF WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, OR HIGHEST RANKING OFFICERS AVAILABLE ON THIS SHORT NOTICE, OF (IN ORDER OF PRIORITY) TOYOTA, DATSUN, HONDA, SUZUKI, AND YAMAHA. THEY ARE PREPARED TO TRAVEL

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OUTSIDE TOKYO, AND ASK EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING

TRAVEL. THEY WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR HOTEL
RESERVATIONS IN TOKYO AS WELL AS OUTSIDE IF OVERNIGHT
TRAVEL IS REQUIRED.

4. DUERK ALSO ASKED THAT IF POSSIBLE EMBASSY PROVIDE
AT OR SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL BRIEF DESCRIPTIVE STATE-
MENTS OF COMPANIES INVOLVED (I.E. SIZE, SALES AND EX-
PORT VOLUME, NAMES OF CHIEF OFFICERS, ETC.).

5. REGRET EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE. WILL APPRECIATE
YOUR MEETING GOVERNOR AND OFFERING FOREGOING ASSISTANCE
AS WELL AS ANY ADVICE YOU THINK APPROPRIATE. SISCO

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